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JANE PAULEY: Admiral Stansfield Turner, President Carter's personal choice to head the Central Intelligence Agency, is in our Washington News Center this morning with Ford Rowan to talk about the agency's past and his plans for reform.

Good morning, gentlemen.

FORD ROWAN: Good morning, Jane. And good morning, Admiral Turner.

ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER: Good morning, Ford.

ROWAN: The CIA cannot seem to get out from the burden of its past. The latest disclosures had to do with drug experimentation. Some of these tests were in connection with Army tests. And a couple of years ago, the Surgeon General of the Army said that these tests on unwitting subjects who didn't know they were being tested violated the Nuremberg war crimes code.

Do you think that any of the people that were involved in these experiments, any of the CIA people, should be prosecuted?

ADMIRAL TURNER: Well, that's a matter for the Justice Department to decide. This is so far in the past, twelve to twenty-four years that the CIA had any participation in administering drugs to unwitting people, that we have simply turned over the records to the Justice Department for them to see if there is any legal implications.

ROWAN: Admiral Turner, we've all read spy novels where the other side tries to lure our agents to defect by catching them in compromising positions. But now we've heard of the program called

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